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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General.
2. Election of the Chair.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
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6. Other matters.

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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with article 17 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the fifteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention is to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 8 October 2015 for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee against Torture from a list of persons nominated by States parties (sect. II), to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2015 (sect. I). Five members will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2017 (sect. III).

2. In compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the present note contains information on the current situation with respect to the composition of the Committee against Torture, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution and gender representation, professional background and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members (sects. I and III). The biographical data of current members can be found on the web page of the Committee (www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CAT/Pages/Membership.aspx).

3. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.

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I. Members of the Committee whose terms will expire on 31 December 2015

Member	*Country of nationality*	*Member since*
Mr. Satyabhoosun Gupt **Domah**	Mauritius	2012
Ms. Felice **Gaer**	United States of America	2000
Mr. Abdoulaye **Gaye**	Senegal	2008
Mr. Claudio **Grossman**	Chile	2004
Mr. George **Tugushi**	Georgia	2012

II. Persons nominated by States parties

4. In accordance with article 17 (4) of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbal dated 16 March 2015, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee by 16 June 2015. All curricula vitae received by 16 June 2015 are included in the present document (see annex).

5. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee, and the States parties that nominated them.

Candidate	*Nominated by*
Mr. Abdula Achirafo **Abubacar**	Mozambique
Mr. Khalid Othman **AlOmeir**	Saudi Arabia
Ms. Mary **Balikungeri**	Rwanda
Mr. Ezzat Saad **El Sayed Borai**	Egypt
Ms. Felice **Gaer**	United States of America
Mr. Claude Heller **Rouassant**	Mexico
Mr. Paul **Lam Shang Leen**	Mauritius
Ms. Ana Claudia **Oberlin**	Argentina
Ms. Ilvija **Pūce**	Latvia
Ms. Ana **Racu**	Republic of Moldova
Mr. Déthie **Sall**	Mauritania
Mr. Vladimir **Tochilovsky**	Ukraine
Mr. Sébastien **Touzé**	France

III. Members of the Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2017

Member	*Country of nationality*	*Member since*
Ms. Essadia **Belmir**	Morocco	2006
Mr. Alessio **Bruni**	Italy	2010
Mr. Jens **Modvig**	Denmark	2014
Ms. Sapana **Pradhan-Malla**	Nepal	2014
Mr. Kening **Zhang**	China	2014

Annex*

Abdula Achirafo Abubacar (Mozambique)

Date and Place of birth: 12th July, 1952, Maputo, Mozambique

Working Language: Portuguese, English

Current Position/Function

Judge of the Superior Court of Appeal of Maputo- Criminal Section or Area.

Main Professional Activities

As at an appellation court, we appreciate resources against decisions from first instance (provincial court) in the matter of facts and law, and take decision. The decisions are taken by three judges in the conference. Each judge prepare projects of decisions to be taken in processes distributed to him.

Education background

Law degree-1999-Eduardo Mondlane University.

Accountancy Institute 1987.

Commercial Institute of Maputo-was also teacher in this matter.

Still Teaching law at the Eduardo Mondlane University-criminal matters.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Participation in various seminaries and Conferences in Mozambique as we are magistrates are not allowed to participate in the exposed manifestation to avoid political utilization or some confrontations.

List of most recent publications in the field

None.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Khalid Othman AlOmeir (Saudi Arabia)

Date and place of birth: 17 November 1963, Ushaiger, Saudi Arabia

Working languages: Arabic, French

Current position/function

Criminal law professor, King Saud University, College of Law and Political Sciences

Main professional activities

Researcher in the field of criminal law and criminal sciences (Since 1997).

Supervisor of Law graduate studies (Masters and PhD) in Arab East Colleges (Since 2011).

Legal expert at the League of Arab States in the area of child rights (Since 2012).

Legal expert in the Penal Reform International (Since 2012).

Member in Arab Association of International Humanitarian Law (Since 2005).

Educational background

A doctorate in Law from the University of Poitiers, in 1997, title of dissertation "Criminal Policy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia". Published and distributed commercially by Atelier National de Reproduction des Theses in Lille, France in November 2003.

A degree equivalent to a Masters of law from the University of Poitiers in 1992.

A bachelor's degree from King Saud University, Law Department in 1987.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Attended several conferences and lectured on the rights of the accused with a focus on humanitarian treatment of the accused.

List of most recent publications in this field

"Human Rights in the Basic System of Government from the Perspective of Criminal Law", 2003.

"The Legitimacy of Human Rights in the Education and Culture of Correctional Institutions", 2003.

"Protection of Human Rights in Former Proceedings in Light of the Evolution of Criminal Procedures in Saudi Arabia", 2004.

"European Convention on Human Rights and the Death Penalty", 2007.

"The Right to a Fair Trial in Light of the Evolution of Criminal Procedures in Saudi Arabia", 2012.

Mary Balikungeri (Rwanda)

Date and place of birth: 26 December 1953, Nyanza, Rwanda

Working languages: English, French, Kiswahili and Kinyarwanda

Current position/function

Founder and Executive Director, Rwanda Women's Network, functioning as gender and development specialist with the organization.

Main professional activities

Overseeing RWN programs, i.e., psychosocial and health needs of SGBV victims; human and legal rights; socio-economic empowerment of women survivors of 1994 genocide, as well as developing advocacy and linking policy makers and community actors.

Support peace-building and development locally and regionally in post-conflict countries.

Act as focal point for regional and International networks locally, and serving on regional and international boards, i.e., PCB UN AIDS, and TDB of UNCTAD, Global Network of Women Shelters and Global Network of Women Peace builders.

Network and fundraise nationally, regionally and internationally.

Undertake speaking engagements regionally and internationally.

Overseeing and strengthening a network of 52 grass-root partner associations and overseeing/supervising 33 local staff, as well as a pool of community facilitators.

Educational background

Various Diplomas in management and business administration from the Kenya Christian Industrial Training Administration College (CITC); the C.A.V.I.L.A.M Management Institute, Vichy, France; and the Geneva NGO Staff Development Programme. Other qualifications in gender, peacebuilding and conflict transformation, as well as human and legal rights from Eastern Mennonite University, the United Nations University, and the University of Boston.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Running the Polyclinic of Hope that employs the concept of holistic approach to service provision catering for the legal, economic, medical and psycho-social needs of survivors of violence against women.

Networking widely both regionally and internationally as the current Chairperson of the African Network of Women Shelters (ANWS), an affiliate of the Global Network of Women Shelters (GNWS). GNWS was founded in 2009 to unite and strengthen the women's shelter movement globally to make change to end violence against women and their children.

Prominently working with global initiatives such as Huairou commission and FEMNET to influence policy and programming on women's rights to shelter, land and reproductive health.

List of most recent publications in this field

Security Council Resolution 1325: Rwanda Civil Society Monitoring Report, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, 2010.

Part of a Team that contributed to Africa Union Peace Security Council and ACCORD Publication titled RESOLUTION 1325 IN 2020 — Looking Forward, Looking Back.

Several Organisational Training Modules/Brochures on Women's Rights to Land and Inheritance, on Women Leadership, and Polyclinic of Hope Replicable Model on Empowering Women, Families and Communities through participatory strategies towards sustainable peace and Zero-tolerance on Gender-based violence.

Ezzat Saad El Sayed Borai (Egypt)

[Original: French]

Date of birth: 28 September 1950

Working languages: Arabic (mother tongue), English, French

Academic qualifications

1985: Doctorate in international law, specializing in international human rights law, Ain Shams University, Cairo.

1975: Master's degree in international law (*diplôme*, postgraduate studies in international law), Ain Shams University, Cairo.

1973: Master's degree in international law (*diplôme*, postgraduate studies in public law), Ain Shams University, Cairo.

1972: Law degree (*licence*), Ain Shams University, Cairo.

Professional experience

March 2010-September 2010: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Americas.

March 2006-March 2010: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Belarus.

September 2004-February 2006: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Asia.

September 2000-August 2004: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Indonesia.

August 1997-September 2000: Assistant Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for International Treaties and Legal Affairs.

August 1993-September 1997: Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in The Hague, Netherlands.

May 1988-September 1992: Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Warsaw, Poland.

June 1982-June 1986: Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Maputo, Mozambique.

March-December 1981: Interests Section of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Additional experience

Member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs.

24 August 2011-June 2013: Governor of Luxor.

December 2004-March 2006: Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Diplomatic Club.

Member/Head of the Egyptian delegation at several regional and international conferences held by the United Nations and its various institutions and specialized agencies and by regional organizations (Organization of African Unity/African Union, Arab League, Euro-Mediterranean Partnership/Barcelona Process) addressing a broad range of political, economic, social and legal issues, in particular economic

integration, human rights, intellectual property rights, migration and asylum, and the law of the sea.

31 January-1 February 2006: Head of the Egyptian delegation at the first ministerial conference on Afghanistan, held in London.

October 2004-September 2005: Head of the Egyptian delegation at the Asia-Middle East Dialogue, Steering Committee, Singapore, Cairo, Amman.

1-28 August 2005: Head of the Egyptian delegation at the meeting of senior officials of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, Beijing.

April-June 2000: Head of the Egyptian delegation at the meetings of experts on the drafting and revision of the convention establishing the African Union and the protocol establishing the African Parliament, both of which were adopted at the Organization of African Unity summit (6-12 July 2000), Addis Ababa, Tripoli, Lomé.

6-12 July 2000: Member of the Egyptian delegation at the thirty-sixth Summit and Ministerial Council of the Organization of African Unity, Lomé.

14-21 May 2000: Head of the Egyptian delegation at the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Patent Law Treaty, Geneva.

1-17 April 1999: Head of the Egyptian delegation at the first Organization of African Unity Ministerial Conference on Human Rights, Mauritius.

Teaching experience

Since 1986: Professor of international law and international organizations at several Egyptian universities (Cairo University, Ain Shams University, Al-Azhar University).

Academic research and publications

"International human rights protection and regional organizations", PhD dissertation, Cairo, 1985 (in Arabic).

"The law of treaties and international conventions on human rights protection", in *Egyptian Journal of International Law*, vol. 39, 1983, pp. 256-310 (in Arabic).

"Protection of minorities in today's international system", in *Egyptian Journal of International Law*, vol. 42, 1986, pp. 15-72 (in Arabic).

"Africa and court-mediated settlement of international conflicts", in *Al-Siyasah al-Duwaliyah* [Journal of International Politics], Al-Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies, vol. 93, July 1988, pp. 91-103 (in Arabic).

"Middle East perspectives on terrorism and relations with the West", in *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, vol. VI, No. 1, 12 January 2004, pp. 22-24.

"Challenges facing the Russian position in global strategy", in *Al-Siyasah al-Duwaliyah*, [Journal of International Politics], Al-Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies, vol. 195, January/March 2014, pp. 88-91 (in Arabic).

Felice Gaer (United States of America)

Date and place of birth: 16 June 1946, Englewood, New Jersey, USA

Working languages: English, Russian

Current position/function

Member, Committee against Torture (Vice Chair, 2004-2006, 2009-present).

Director, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, American Jewish Committee (1993-present).

Chair, Leo Nevas Task Force on Human Rights, United Nations Association of the USA (2011-present).

Main professional activities

As member and Vice Chair, participate in biannual sessions of Committee against Torture (CAT); represented CAT at Chairpersons meetings in 2012 (Vice Chair of Addis Ababa meeting) and 2014 (Geneva), and Inter-Committee meetings including three on follow-up; two Malbun meetings on treaty body reform.

As Director of Jacob Blaustein Institute, conduct research and writing aimed at strengthening international human rights protections and institutions. Speaker at academic and policy conferences, including University of Nebraska (Thompson Forum, 2013), UNDP Seminar on National Institutions (2014), Wilton Park meetings on torture prevention (2015), treaty body reform (2015).

As Chair, Leo Nevas Task Force at UNA-USA, work to enhance awareness of UN human rights progress by persons based in the US and to offer recommendations for improvement.

Commissioner-at-large, US National Commission for UNESCO (2012-present).

Educational background

Wellesley College, A.B. (Arteum Baccalaureus) with Honors, 1968.

Columbia University, M.A. (Master of Arts), 1971.

Columbia University, M. Phil. (Master of Philosophy), 1973.

Other main activities in human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Regents Professor, University of California at Los Angeles (2010).

Commissioner, US Federal Commission on International Religious Freedom (2001-2012; Chair, 2002-2003, 2006-2007, 2008-2009; Vice-Chair, 2003-2006).

Chair, Steering Committee, National Coalition on 50th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1997-1999).

Public Member, US delegations to the World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna, 1993); World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995); UN Commission on Human Rights (1994-1999).

Board of Directors, First Freedom Center (2012-2015); Andrei Sakharov Foundation (1993-present).

Advisory Committee, Human Rights Watch, Europe and Central Asia (1996-present).

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Board of Directors (2001-2004); Board of Governors (2004-present).

The Carter Center, Emory University, International Human Rights Council (1994-2003).

List of most recent publications in this field

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (ed. with C.L. Broecker), Martinus Nijhoff, 2014.

"Effectiveness of the UN Human Rights Protection Machinery: The High Commissioner for Human Rights," *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting* (American Society of International Law), April 2014.

"Implementing Treaty Body Recommendations: Establishing Better Follow-up Procedures," in M. Cherif Bassiouni (ed.), *New Challenges for the UN Human Rights Machinery*, Intersentia, 2011.

"Women, international law and international institutions" *Women's Studies Internat'l Forum*, 2009.

Claude Heller Rouassant (Mexico)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: Mexico City, 2 May 1949

Working languages: Spanish, English, French, Portuguese.

Current position/function

Ambassador (*Embajador Eminente*) for Mexico

Research associate at El Colegio de México

Main professional activities

Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations (2007-2011).

Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (1998-2001).

Executive Director for Multilateral Affairs (January-December 1988).

Participated in the Contadora Group peace process in Central America (1983-1988).

Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria (1992-1995).

Ambassador of Mexico to Switzerland (1989-1991).

Ambassador of Mexico to Cuba (1995-1998).

Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (2002-2003).

Ambassador of Mexico to France (2001-2007).

Ambassador of Mexico to Japan (2011-2014).

Academic qualifications

Degree (*licenciatura*) in international relations, Centre for International Studies, El Colegio de México (1968-1972).

Master's degree in history and international relations (1974), Graduate Institute of Advanced International Studies, Geneva (1972-1974).

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Head of the Mexican delegation at numerous United Nations conferences, including the Commission on Human Rights (1988-1992) and the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna (1993).

Presented the report of Mexico to the Committee against Torture (1993-1994).

Member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the Commission on Human Rights (1990-1993).

Chairman of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of the Organization of American States, which conducted a review of the inter-American human rights system.

Chaired various bodies of multilateral organizations and working groups, including the one that culminated in the adoption of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1990.

List of most recent publications in the field

"Los derechos humanos en la OEA", *50 Aniversario de la Declaración Universal de los Derechos Humanos*, Mexico, IMRED, 1998.

"La Participación de México en el Consejo de Seguridad", various authors, *in México y las Naciones Unidas: 40 años de cooperación*, Mexico, SRE, 1986, pp. 245-261.

"México y la protección de los derechos de los trabajadores migratorios y de sus familiares", in *Revista Mexicana de Política Exterior*, No. 76-77, Mexico, IMRED, 2006, pp. 9-25.

"México y la Estabilidad y la Paz Mundiales", various authors, in *Los Grandes Problemas de México. Relaciones Internacionales*. El Colegio de México, Mexico, 2010, vol. XII, pp. 63-88.

Paul Lam Shang Leen (Mauritius)

Date and place of birth: 04 July 1948, Port-Louis, Mauritius

Working Languages: English and French

Current position/function

Judge, Supreme Court of Mauritius for the last 16 years.

Chairman of the Council of Legal Education.

Chairman of the steering committee for the implementation of the e-judiciary for the electronic filing of cases and the management of court cases.

Member of the Sub Committee on Prevention of Torture (2011-2012, 2013-2016).

Member of SPT Bureau (Vice President) 2015-2016.

Main professional activities

Presently Presiding Judge of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court dealing with Corporate litigation, Insolvency and bankruptcy.

Arbitrator in construction disputes.

Educational background

1968	Higher School Certificate, Cambridge.
1970-1973	Professional Bar Exams-Council of Legal Education, London.
1974	Post-graduate diploma from the Council of Legal Education, London.
1976-1979	Licencié en droit, Université Aix-Marseilles.
1980	Diplomé Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (Section Internationale) Paris.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Held position as Chairman of the Prisons Board.

Chairman of the Probation Board.

Chairman of the steering committee for the computerization of the Supreme Court for the setting up of video-link with the prisons.

Presided over numerous criminal cases since 1976 to 1992.

From 1984 to 2007, presided over serious criminal cases before the Assizes with Jury and without jury and sitting as judge of the Court of Criminal Appeal.

In 2008, Presiding Judge of the newly created Criminal Division of the Supreme Court dealing with numerous high profile criminal cases.

Member of the panel to look into reforms in the Administration of Justice.

List of most recent publications in the field

None but has handed down several cases concerning the rights of the accused parties to a fair hearing, bail and police brutality.

Has for the past 9 years contributed in the discussion papers at the annual workshop organised by the Law Faculty, Trinity College, Dublin in topics including Human Rights, Fair Hearing, Discrimination, Capital Punishment, Sentencing, Independence of the Judiciary, the ICCPR and the ICESCR.

Ana Claudia Oberlin (Argentina)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: Santa Fe, Argentina. 7 August 1976

Working languages: Spanish and English

Current position/function

National Director of Legal Affairs for Human Rights Matters.

National Secretariat for Human Rights, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights.

Current oversight responsibilities include the National Legal Affairs Branch, which prosecutes cases of State violence and crimes against humanity. Sphere of responsibility includes as well the unit tasked with registering, processing and following up on reports of acts of torture, enforced disappearance and other serious human rights violations.

Main professional activities

Chief of Staff of the National Secretariat for Human Rights.

Expert Adviser of the National Secretariat for Human Rights; Ad hoc Prosecutor in the San Nicolás Federal Prosecutor's Office.

Member of the legal team of Hijos e Hijas por la Identidad y la Justicia contra el Olvido y el Silencio (H.I.J.O.S) (filing and arguing cases involving crimes against humanity and State violence in a democracy).

Member of the legal team for Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo.

Lawyer in private practice from March 2000 to January 2007 dealing with criminal matters, primarily in respect of human rights, State violence and gender-based violence.

Study grant recipient at the National Secretariat for Science and Technology under the Scientific and Technological Research Projects Network 2002 project "Violence, police and the rule of law: the widespread use of force as a strategy to combat crime in the city and province of Buenos Aires and the province of Santa Fe", 2002-2007.

Internship in penal enforcement at Prison Unit No.1 (Coronda), Rosario Bar Association.

Academic qualifications

Pursuing a master's degree in human rights, National University of La Plata.

Law degree, National University of El Litoral.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Research assistant at the Human Rights Studies and Research Centre for the Argentinean section of the Comparative International Project on Regulatory Frameworks and Justification of the Use of Police Force (2003-2007) and various other projects on the issue.

Member of the team in Rosario for the Fair and Safe Communities Project, devised by the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto and the Human Rights Studies and Research Centre.

Member of the research team for the project "Confronting crimes of the State: power, resistance and the struggle for truth and justice in contemporary Argentina", Faculty of Law, National University of Rosario.

Member of the research team for the project "Police violence: analysis from a realist perspective".

Qualitative research on reported cases of civilians killed by police violence in Rosario between December 1995 and December 1999, Human Rights Studies and Research Centre, Faculty of Law, National University of Rosario.

Member of Red Represión Cero [Zero Repression Network], a task force for the development of a comprehensive approach to State violence.

Member of the non-governmental commission investigating acts of State violence committed on 19, 20 and 21 December 2001.

List of most recent publications in the field

"El proceso de justicia desde la mirada de una abogada representante de víctimas y militante de H.I.J.O.S", in *Juicio por crímenes de lesa humanidad en Argentina*, Editorial Cara o Ceca, Buenos Aires, 2011.

"Violencia de género y abusos sexuales en los centros clandestinos de detención", in *Hacer justicia: Nuevos debates sobre el juzgamiento de crímenes de lesa humanidad en Argentina*, Editorial Siglo XXI, Buenos Aires, 2011 (co-author).

Ilvija Pūce (Latvia)

Date and place of birth: 28 October 1971, Riga, Latvia

Working languages: Latvian (native), English (excellent), Russian (very good), French (reading)

Lawyer with fifteen years of experience in the areas of international human rights with a specific focus on prevention of torture and ill-treatment.

Strong analytical skills and solid work experience in national and international level, in depth knowledge of international human rights law (particular focus on civil and political rights) and of the international and regional human rights systems (in particular UN system and European system).

Participation in many missions and drafting reports related to fighting torture and ill-treatment in places of detention to many European countries, including Greece, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine, Malta, etc., as well as to Morocco, Jordan and Tanzania.

Current position/function

Legal Adviser at DIGNITY–Danish Institute against Torture (since 2014).

Providing legal advice and training on international human rights law and practices relevant to the prohibition, reparation and prevention of torture, organised violence and related fields; conducting legal research, national and international human rights advocacy vis-à-vis governments, parliaments and inter-governmental organisations in co-operation with national and international partner organisations (in particular, in MENA region and East-Africa) in order to contribute to the global effort to abolish torture.

Main professional activities

Thirteen years' experience (2001-2014) as Senior Lawyer at Latvian Centre for Human Rights — largest human rights NGO in Latvia, with focus on anti-torture issues and non-discrimination. Legal analysis, research and writing, seminar and training organisation, advocacy, litigation, on-site monitoring of closed institutions. Lobbying the ratification of the OPCAT in Latvia.

Member of the Standing Committee of the Sentence Enforcement Code (Ministry of Justice of Latvia) since 2012.

Member of the E.U. Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights from 2005 to 2007, and after the re-organising the network — Senior expert from Latvia in E.U. Fundamental Rights Agency Legal Experts Network (FRALEX) from 2007 to 2009. Writing numerous reports and thematic studies on wide range of fundamental rights issues.

Educational background

LL.M. in International and European Law, thesis "Ratification of the OPCAT and the creation of a National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) against torture in Latvia".

Bachelor's degree in Jurisprudence, thesis "Occupation restrictions for persons with annulled or cancelled criminal record".

Have attended numerous international trainings, including courses at Institute for Human Rights Abo Akademi University, Turku, Finland, and European Law Academy, Trier, Germany.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Member of the Council of Europe Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) in respect of Latvia for eight years (since 2007): visiting and reporting on closed institutions in CoE Member States; Head of the Working group on revising the standards of the CPT on juveniles in closed institutions (published in the 24th General Report on the CPT's Activities (2013-2014)).

Have delivered presentations in numerous events related to prevention of torture, as at the World Congress on Juvenile Justice — 2015, Geneva, as well at the first Jean-Jacques Gautier NPM Symposium "Addressing Children's Vulnerabilities in Detention", organised by the APT. Organised and moderated International Conference "Global, Regional and National Mechanisms for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment: Learning from One Other. Celebrating 25 years of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture" in Latvia in 2014. Conducted presentations on the CPT, its standards and the OPCAT for the staff of numerous prisons in Latvia, Latvian Prison Administration, Ombudsman Office, sworn advocates, judges, NGOs, students of Law faculties, members of Parliament.

List of most recent publications in this field

"Monitoring mechanisms of selected EU Member States concerning forced expulsion of illegally staying third country nationals" (for Latvian Ombudsman's Office) on 2012.

FRALEX National Situation Flash Report on 2008.

FRALEX National Thematic study on Child Trafficking on 2008.

Situation in Latvian prisons and in Illegal Migrant detention Facility "Olaine" and Asylum Seekers and Refugee Reception Centre "Mucenieki"; in Monitoring report on Closed Institutions in Latvia. Latvian Centre for Human Rights, ISBN 978-99849920-06.

Report on the Situation of Fundamental Rights in Latvia in 2005, EU Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights.

Ana Racu (Republic of Moldova)

Date and place of birth: 17 June 1979, Republic of Moldova

Working language: English, Russian, French, Romanian (mother tongue)

Current position/function

Human Rights expert, consultant, Terre des Hommes, Moldova

Main professional activities

Former Member of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) in respect of Republic of Moldova, Council of Europe, 2011-2013:monitoring of places of detention and drafting specific reports; Coordination of Penitentiary Reform Program (NGO, Institute for Penal Reform, 2001-2006); Support the implementation of the National Human Rights Actions Plan, coordinate the component on Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting (UNDP, 2006-2008); Training NPM members, police and prison employees, medical doctors and forensic experts, prosecutors and judges in human rights and torture prevention (UNDP, Moldovan Department of Penitentiary Institutions, 2006-2012); Serve as contact person for different Human Rights evaluation and monitoring missions within Moldovan prison system, including international projects on prison and criminal justice reform (UE, UNICEF, OSCE, UNAIDS, Pompidou Group, MoJ, 2008-2011).

Educational background

Moldova State University: University degree in Law (2001); Public Law, specialization in Criminal law and procedure. Diploma thesis: "Social response to criminality"

Specialized trainings: "Reporting to UN CAT" (UNDP, Chisinau, 2006); Improving detention conditions and combating ill-treatment (CoE, Antalya, 2011).

Participation at over 40 national and international trainings, workshops and conferences in the human rights, criminal justice and penitentiary reform areas.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Coordination the activity of the Working group for annual and periodical reports on CAT and ICCPR implementation (UNDP and MFA, 2006-2007); Drafting the section on torture prevention, UPR Moldova (2011), Drafting the reports on Human Rights observance in the Republic of Moldova (Ombudsman Institution, 2000-2001).

List of most recent publications in the field

Articles and news on prison reform, alternatives to detention, juvenile justice (NGO Institute for Penal Reform, Moldova, 2002-2005);

"Social reintegration of persons released from places of detention", evaluation report (SIDA, Soros Foundation Moldova, 2009); "Violence among prisoners", study, Soros Foundation and Institute for Penal Reform, 2011; Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) study: Police interaction with children, Terre des Hommes Moldova, 2014, Individualization of criminal punishment, study, Council of Europe and EU Delegation, Moldova, 2015.

Déthié Sall (Mauritania)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 31 December 1955, Dar El Barka, Mauritania

Working languages: French, English

Current position/function

Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Commission of Mauritania since 2013.

Member, representing the African region, of the Sub-Committee on Accreditation of National Human Rights Institutions since 2012.

Main professional activities

Responsible for administrative functions and staff at the National Human Rights Commission.

Work directly with the President of the Commission.

Responsible for concept notes for workshops and seminars.

Analysis of laws and syntheses of mission reports.

Pleas, views, reports and statements of the Commission.

Preparation of the annual budget of the Commission.

Drafting and updating of the three-year action plan of the Commission.

Educational background

1984	One year of postgraduate study (*diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées*) in consumer law at the University of Montpellier I.
1983	Master's degree in general private law at the University of Montpellier I (France).
1982	Degree (*licence*) in private law at the University of Perpignan (France).
1981	Two-year university degree (*diplôme d'études universitaires générales*) at the University of Perpignan.
1977	Baccalaureate specializing in modern languages at Lycée National in Nouakchott (Mauritania).

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Advocate for the implementation of a national preventive mechanism.

Drafter of the bill on the national mechanism for the prevention of torture.

Follow-up to and reports on visits to prisons by the National Human Rights Commission.

List of most recent publications in the field

Bill to establish a national preventive mechanism, following the ratification by Mauritania in 2012 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, with a view to the prevention of torture and other inhuman or degrading treatment.

Vladimir Tochilovsky (Ukraine)

Date and place of birth: 24 September 1946, Odessa, Ukraine

Working languages: English (fluent), Russian (fluent), French (elementary), Ukrainian (native)

Current position/function

Member of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (2010-to date; Vice-Chair in 2013-2015). The mandate includes:

Country visits that involve visiting detention facilities and interviewing detainees;

Dialogues with high-level Government representatives and members of civil society;

Consideration of individual communications alleging violations of the right to liberty and security.

Main professional activities

More than 30 years of experience in criminal justice, including 16 years at the international level.

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Trial Attorney (1996 - 2010), Investigation Team Leader (1994-1996).

Deputy Regional Attorney for judicial matters in Odessa Region, Ukraine (1987-1994).

District Attorney in Odessa Region, Ukraine (1976-1987).

Visiting Professor of Law at Mechnikov National University, Odessa, Ukraine (1991-1994).

Educational background

PhD in Law, Taras Shevchenko National University, Kyiv, Ukraine, 1985.

Diploma in Law, Mechnikov National University, Odessa, Ukraine, 1975.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate

Internationally recognized expertise in the relevant field.

Independent expert of the UN Human Rights Council, Working Group on arbitrary detention (2010-to date).

Official representative of the UN International Criminal Tribunal in the UN negotiations to establish International Criminal Court (1997-2001).

Member of the selected group of experts that prepared recommendations for the International Criminal Court (2002-2003).

Developed Guidelines for the Offices of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal (1999-2005) and International Criminal Court (2003).

Member of the International Expert Framework for the Codification of International Criminal Procedure (since 2008).

List of most recent publications in this field

The law and jurisprudence of the international criminal tribunals and courts: procedure and human rights aspects (Cambridge: Intersentia Publishers, 2014).

Jurisprudence of the international criminal courts and the European Court of Human Rights (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2008).

Nature and evolution of the rules of procedure and evidence (in "Principles of evidence in international criminal justice", Oxford University Press, 2010).

International Criminal Justice: Some Flaws and Misperceptions, Criminal Law Forum, vol. 22, 2011.

Globalizing Criminal Justice: Challenges for the International Criminal Court, Global Governance, vol. 9, 2003.

Victims' procedural rights at trial (in "Caring for Crime Victims", Criminal Justice Press, 1999).

Sébastien Touzé (France)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 24 March 1976, Morlaix (France)

Working languages: French, English

Current position/function

Professor at Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II)

Main professional activities

Director of the Master II programme in human rights and humanitarian law at Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II); specialist lecturer in international and European human rights law and lecturer in public international law.

Secretary-General of the International Human Rights Institute.

Secretary-General of the French Society for International Law.

Educational background

Passed the national competitive examination (*agrégation*) in public law (2008).

Doctorate in law (dissertation on diplomatic protection) from Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II).

Postgraduate studies (*diplôme d'études approfondies*) in international and European law at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Visiting professor at several universities and in various specialist fields of international human rights law (Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Haiti, Lebanon, Romania, the Russian Federation).

Editor of the collection *Publications de l'Institut international des droits de l'homme* (Pedone and Hart Publishing).

Editor of several columns in specialist legal journals.

Member of the scientific committee of the journal *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*.

Member of the editorial committee of *Journal européen des droits de l'homme*.

Member of the editorial committee of *Revue générale de droit international public*.

Member of the scientific committee of *Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme*.

Member of the editorial board of *Revista do Instituto Brasileiro de Direitos Humanos*.

List of most recent publications in the field

La prévention des violations des droits de l'homme, Publications de l'Institut international des droits de l'homme, Pedone, Paris, 2015, 230 pp. (co-authored with E. Decaux).

La Cour européenne des droits de l'homme et la doctrine, Publications de l'Institut international des droits de l'homme, Pedone, Paris, 2013, 180 pp. (ed.).

Les mutations de l'activité du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe au titre de la surveillance de l'exécution des arrêts de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme, Anthemis, Brussels, 196 pp. (co-authored with J.-F. Flauss).

Contentieux international des droits de l'homme et choix du forum: les instances internationales de contrôle face au forum shopping, Anthemis, Brussels, 2012, 140 pp. (co-authored with J.-F. Flauss).

Les droits fondamentaux: charnières entre ordres et systèmes juridiques, Pedone, Paris, (2010), 336 pp. (co-authored with E. Dubout).

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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In accordance with article 17 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the fifteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention is to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 8 October 2015 for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee against Torture from a list of persons nominated by States parties to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2015 (see CAT/SP/15/2).

2. The curricula vitae of the 13 persons whose nominations were received by 16 June 2015 are contained in document CAT/SP/15/2, annex.

3. The annex to the present document contains the curriculum vitae of one additional person who was nominated by Pakistan after 16 June 2015.

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Muhammad Zafarullah Khan (Pakistan)

Date and place of birth: 11 March 1961, Khanewal, Pakistan

Working languages: English and Urdu

Current position/function

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister/Minister of State for Cabinet Division. Assistance to the Federal Government on legal/political issues. To deal with matters relating to various authorities and attached departments under administrative control of Cabinet Division and provide guidance to improve their performance to meet the vision of Prime Minister as a whole.

Main professional activities

Ensure protection and promotion of civil, political and socio-economic rights through advising on capacity building and advocacy initiatives.

Understanding and interpreting the law.

Provide support to the Federal Government to integrate human rights principles and rights-based approaches into ongoing and envisaged legal and development progress.

Incorporating human rights principles into public law.

Vetting of human rights litigation documents.

Reviewing human rights compliance in legislation, policies, plans, practices and procedures for ensuring respect and fulfillment of human rights by the Federal Government.

Writing opinions, advising solicitors and other professionals on human rights and law.

Legal assistance to Federal Government and overseeing work/functions of Cabinet Division.

Education background

Barrister-at-Law. Lincoln's Inn, United Kingdom.

Bachelor in Law, City University, London, United Kingdom.

M.Sc (International Relations), Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Evaluated national labour law in the light of ILO Conventions 100 and 111.

Worked for International Labour Organizations on a study "Judicial Remedies for Bonded Labour".

Drafted Prevention of Domestic Violence Act for UNIFEM: 2008.

Reviewed human trafficking related laws for UNIFEM: 2008.

Drafted Prevention of Harassment at Workplace Act for ILO: 2008.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Drafted Sindh Child Protection laws. UNICEF and Government of Sindh.

Represented Pakistan before United Nations Committee on the Child in 2003 and 2009.

Presented paper on International Child Abduction at International Judicial Conference organized by Supreme Court of Pakistan, 2006.

Represented Pakistan before United Nations Committee on CEDAW in 2014.

Represented Pakistan in United Nations Commission on Status of Women meeting 2015.

List of most recent publication in the field

"Human Rights: Theory and Practice".

"A Guide on Land and Property Rights in Pakistan" for United Nations Habitat.

"Manual on Abolition of Bonded Labour" for ILO, Pakistan.

"Analysis of Blasphemy Laws in Pakistan" for UNDP: 2011.

"Betreen Insan" (The Best Human Being).